

HOUSE RESOLUTION 401

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A RESOLUTION to commend Scott Morris for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Scott Morris is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary career, Dr. Morris has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, an Atlanta, Georgia, native, Scott Morris moved to Memphis in 1986 after completing college, seminary, medical school, and ordination as a United Methodist minister; and

WHEREAS, combining his passions for ministry and medical practice, in 1987 Dr. Morris opened the innovative Church Health Center as a community-supported, faith-based health clinic to provide primary health care to the low-income, uninsured working people of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, while one in eight Memphians live at or below the poverty level and an estimated thirty percent of all Memphis children live in poverty, the Church Health Center has met with immense success, offering compendious medical care services to almost 50,000 patients; and

WHEREAS, the daily operations of the Church Health Center rely on not only the admirable leadership of founder and executive director, Dr. Scott Morris, but also the volunteer spirit of more than 500 doctors, physicians, nurses, optometrists, dentists, specialists, and other professionals who freely give of their time to assist their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morris also contributes his time and numerous talents to many noteworthy causes, including the Urban Youth Initiative, the Memphis and Shelby County Medical Society Ethics Committee, St. John's Methodist Saturday Soup Kitchen, the Board of Directors of Luminetx, Tennessee on the Move, and the InMotion Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott Morris's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morris is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott Morris is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Dr. Scott Morris for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.